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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6176

BILL NUMBER: HB 1018

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 17, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mine Electrician Certification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ubelhor

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires mine electricians who perform electrical work in certain coal mines to be tested by and receive a certificate of competency from the Mining Board. It also makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Mining Board:* This bill requires the Mining Board to test and certify mine electricians. The board meets on a quarterly basis to administer tests and provide certifications. Testing and examination of mine electricians will need to comply with federal regulations and be approved by the Mine Safety and Health Administration in the U.S. Department of Labor. There could be some initial expenses related to beginning the process for meeting federal regulations, but the additional testing and certification of mine electricians should be able to be accomplished within existing resources.

Currently, the board provides state certification testing for mine foremen, mine examiners, belt examiners, hoisting engineers, and shot-firers.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Fees for Certificates of Competency and Examinations:* This bill would increase revenue from fees assessed by the Mining Board by requiring the examination of mine electricians. Statute provides that the examination fee is \$25 and the certificate fee is \$5, but also allows the board to set different fees by rule. Revenue from these fees is deposited in the Mine Safety Fund. For FY 2011, revenue from these fees totaled \$5,400.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Mines.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Auditor of State, *Revenue Trial Balance*; Donald McCorkle, Bureau of Mines, 812-888-4514.

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